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## Cushwa Cemetery

### **Architectural Survey File**

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District 4  
Map 21  
Parcel 3  
MAGI # 2212015437

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Cushwa Cemetery

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Near Rockdale Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Clear Spring 6

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

☐ DISTRICT

☐ PUBLIC

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ BUILDING(S)

☒ PRIVATE

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ BOTH

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ OBJECT

☐ IN PROCESS

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ NO

☐ MILITARY

☒ OTHER: Cemetery

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ray L. Clard

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 3, Box 121

CITY, TOWN

Clear Spring

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21722

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 579

Folio #: 719

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small plot of ground enclosed with a stone fence is a private cemetery of the Cushwa family. Only two stone markers were observed, one for Benjamin Cushwa, who was born in 1785 and died in 1848 and the other for Ben Hervey, a descendent, who was born in the 1840's and died in the 1850's.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   | Cemetery  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property was the homestead of the Cushwa family, beginning with John and Elizabeth Cushwa who came to Washington County from Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1756. The property was patented as "Cushwa's Establishment." A log house once stood on the edge of Faith Road and is believed to have been the first Cushwa house in the area.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 109.6 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Preservation AssociatesJuly 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

109 West Main Street, Box 202301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

SharpsburgMaryland 21782

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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JOHN CUSHWA AND WIFE ELIZABETH, BORN, BERKS  
COUNTY, PENNA. 1731-1788. REMOVED AND PATENTED THIS  
HOME-STEAD. CUSHWA'S ESTABLISHMENT 1786. A  
PIONEER HERE, DRY RUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND.  
A REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT ASSISTED IN FORMING  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND. 1776.

BENJAMIN CUSHWA, YOUNGEST SON, BORN 1785.  
DIED 1848. BEN HERVEY, GREATGRAND-SON, SON OF  
ISAAC AND ANN CUSHWA, BORN 1841. DIED 1891.  
THIS TRIBUTE BY SURVIVING DESCENDANTS. 1911.

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west wall

Dec. 1974

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looking west  
Dec. 1974

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n.w. wall  
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Looking N.W.

December, 1974

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Looking south  
house site

Dec 1914

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Clear Spring Vic.

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